Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS LISTING OF CLAIMS IS MADE RELATIVE TO THE JUST PRIOR AMENDMENT MADE ON JUNE 26, 2007.

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) Method for diagnosing malfunctions of apparatus delivering goods or services against payment, of the automatic terminal type, said method comprising the steps of:

calculating the value of at least one data item representative of the operation of said apparatus;

comparing said calculated value to a predetermined reference value; and

deducing the occurrence of a malfunction in the event of a predetermined difference between said values.

2. (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein said data item representative of the operation of said apparatus is representative of the frequency of payments made at said apparatus.

3. (previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said data item

representative of the operation of said apparatus is the time that has elapsed since the last

payment made to said apparatus.

4. (previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said data item

representative of the operation of said apparatus is the time that has elapsed since the last

payment made via said apparatus for each of the payment means accepted by said apparatus.

5. (previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said reference value

is representative of the average of values taken by said data item representative of the operation

of the apparatus.

6. (previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said reference value

depends at least on a parameter such as the time of day or the apparatus concerned.

7. (previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein predetermined

difference depends at least on a parameter such as the time of day or the apparatus concerned.

8. (previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the operations of

calculating a data item representative of the operation of said apparatus and comparing the

calculated value and a predetermined reference value are effected directly by said apparatus.

9. (withdrawn) Method according to claim 1, wherein the operations of calculating a data item representative of the operation of said apparatus and comparing the calculated value and a predetermined reference value are partly or completely effected by a server adapted to communicate with said apparatus.

10. (previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said apparatus is a terminal for paying for parking spaces, such as a parking voucher dispenser or a parking meter.